

Who's Calling Samuel? Skit

FROM 1 SAMUEL 3:1–18

Characters: Teacher/Narrator, Samuel, Eli, and the Lord

Props: Two towels, two pillows

Staging: Have Samuel and Eli lay down on their towels on opposite sides of the stage area. The narrator and the Lord remain unseen by the audience.

Teacher/Narrator: Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. At that time, Eli couldn't see very well. He was lying down in his place. And Samuel was lying down in the tabernacle of the Lord, where the ark of God was. While Samuel was lying down, the Lord called him.

The Lord: Samuel. Samuel.

Samuel: Here I am! *(Samuel sits up and looks around. Then stands and goes to Eli.)*

Samuel: Here I am, for you called me.

Eli: I didn't call; go back and lie down.

Teacher/Narrator: And he went and lay down. *(Samuel goes back and lies down.)*

The Lord: Samuel!

Samuel: *(Samuel sits up and looks around. Then stands and goes to Eli.)* Here I am, for you called me.

Eli: I didn't call you, my son; go lie down again. *(Samuel goes back and lies down.)*

Teacher/Narrator: Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord. The Word of the Lord was not yet revealed to him.

The Lord: Samuel. Samuel. *(Samuel sits up and looks around. Then stands and goes to Eli.)*

Samuel: Here I am, for you did call me.

Eli: *(Smashes his palm against his forehead in an ah-ha moment.)* I've figured out who is calling you, Samuel. Go, lie down; and if He calls you again, you must say, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears."

Teacher/Narrator: So Samuel went and lay back down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood and called him just like before. *(Samuel goes back and lies down.)*

The Lord: Samuel! Samuel!

Samuel: Speak, for Your servant hears.

The Lord: Behold, I am about to do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On the same day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. And I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.

Teacher/Narrator: So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

Eli: Samuel, my son!

Samuel: *(Jumps when he hears his name because he's afraid.)* Here I am.

Eli: What did the Lord tell you? Please don't hide it from me.

Teacher/Narrator: Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. *(Samuel whispers something in Eli's ear. Eli gasps.)*

Eli: *(Sad, shaking head.)* It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him.